

SENATE RESOLUTION 91
By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Carole Turner upon
being named Teacher of the Year at Alpha
Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to
specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the
highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Carole Turner is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished
herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a classroom veteran with thirty-two years of teaching experience, Carole
Turner has served with acumen and alacrity at Alpha Elementary School since 1979; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Turner was recently selected by her colleagues as Teacher of the Year
at Alpha Primary School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it
recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Carole Turner, along with all other school-wide Teachers of the Year, will be
considered for further recognition on a system-wide basis in three categories: pre-K through
grade four, grades five through eight, and grades nine through twelve; those winners will then
be nominated for district honors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Turner places great emphasis on education in her personal life as well
as in her professional work, having earned her Bachelor of Science degree from East
Tennessee State University; she has also completed thirty graduate hours at East Tennessee
State University and Cumberland University; and

WHEREAS, a member of the local, state, and national education associations, Ms.
Turner has devoted her time to various committees and organizations, including the Hamblen

County Education Association, Special Services Council, the American Red Cross (ARC), and the Alpha Parent-Teacher Organization; and

WHEREAS, an educational representative for Keep America Beautiful since 1999, Carole Turner was instrumental in the implementation of a recycling program at Alpha Elementary School, obtaining a grant to buy recycling containers and initiating a student recycling club called the “Blue Bag Gang”; and

WHEREAS, Carole Turner also serves as Alpha Elementary’s special education team leader and Co-President of Lakeway Reading Association; she further serves her school and community as a member of the TCAP Alternate Assessment Portfolio Pilot Program and the Hamblen County Portfolio Committee; and

WHEREAS, a spirited public servant, Ms. Turner has volunteered with Panther Creek Park and Race for the Cure; and

WHEREAS, through her many endeavors, Ms. Turner has received numerous accolades, including the 1994 Hamblen County ARC Teacher of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Carole Turner is a faithful member of the First Christian Church, which she serves as a Women’s Bible Study leader; and

WHEREAS, Carole Turner is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Turner truly serves as an inspiration to her students and colleagues alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Carole Turner truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Carole

Turner upon being named Teacher of the Year at Alpha Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.